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Dear Mr. Secretary:

It has come to our attention through reports from Amnesty International and other sources that two Chinese students, Wang Juntao and Chen Ziming, may soon be sentenced to death for their alleged roles in organizing the 1989 demonstrations in Beijing.

The purpose of this letter is respectfully to seek your assurance that the pattern of human rights abuses still prevalent in China, and the cases of these two students in particular, will be raised forcefully in your discussions this week with Chinese Foreign Minister Qian Qicheng. Despite their record of cooperation with the United States and the international community on the Gulf crisis, the Chinese Government must be made to understand that their human rights record remains a key determinant of the health of their relationship with the United States. We therefore seek your assistance in raising the issue of China's human rights abuses at the highest levels. We also would appreciate any accounting you can receive from the Chinese regarding the status of these two students, and of the others held in detention in China.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. With best regards, we are

Sincerely,

Nancy Pelosi  
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Member of Congress

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